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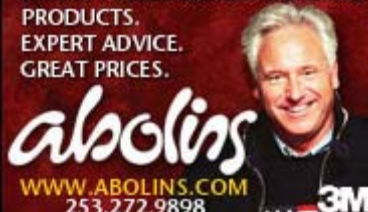
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The Rotary program for May 17 features Admiral Bruce Harlow. Admiral Harlow, U.S. Navy, Retired, served for 28 years in the Judge Advocate General Corps. He served as Vice Chairman of the U.S. Delegation to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea and is a spokesperson for undersea history. He will be discussing the wonders of the Naval Undersea Museum which is located at Keyport near Silverdale. The goal of the museum is to preserve, collect and interpret Naval undersea history, science and operations for the benefit of the US Navy and the people of the United States.

The museum possesses the largest collection of artifacts in the United States related to naval undersea history, science, and operations. Ranging in size from Trieste II, a 96-ton deep submersible, to a pressure-crushed Styrofoam cup weighing less than an ounce, these artifacts tell the story of naval exploration and operation under the sea. Highlights of the collection include the

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The Naval Undersea Museum offers educational programs throughout the year for people of all ages ranging from grade school students to adults. The education department serves students in public and private schools as well as those in home school programs.

We have an opportunity to take part in the educational program. There will be two boat trips providing a learning experience to children from Grade 3 on up. You will have an opportunity to sign up this Thursday for either the boat leaving at 9:00 am or the one leaving at 11:00 am. The boat trip takes about two hours. If you sign up a child or children, it is your responsibility to provide supervision. You will be expected to take part in standing and bending while you are hauling lines up from the sea floor. This is not a sight-seeing expedition, but one you and your children or grandchildren will remember for years to come.

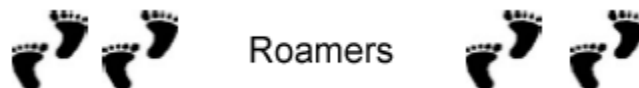
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This Week's Helpers

Thanks so much to the people who will be helping at this week's meeting:

- Invoker - **Arvind Phukan**
- Greeter - **Brian King**
- Badge Board - **Kim McHugh**
- Singer - **John Spencer**
- Piano - **Steve Smith**
- Drums - **Chris Kimball**
- Birthdays - **Donn Irwin**
- Fine Counters - **Roger Lilley, Don Zemek**
- Story Writer - **Bill Kaufmann**

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- Apr 02 **Lauren Walker** - Tacoma South
- Apr 03 **Bill Matthaei** - Tacoma North
- Apr 11 **Roger Lee** - Lakewood
- Apr 11 **Arvind Phukan** - Anchorage Midtown
- Apr 17 **Tanya Andrews** - Sumner
- Apr 19 **Arvind Phukan** - Sun Lakes, AZ
- Apr 26 **Arvind Phukan** - Sun Lakes Crown, AZ
- May 01 **Ross Hjelseth** - Fircrest Narrows
- May 03 **Bill Matthaei** - Tacoma North
- May 07 **Lauren Walker** - Tacoma South
- May 08 **Dean Curry** - Fircrest Narrows
- May 09 **Rita Morkrid-Bowman** - Tacoma Sunrise
- May 11 **Bob Krotz** - Gig Harbor
- May 11 **Ray Schuler** - Gig Harbor
- May 11 **Brett Thomas** - Federal Way
- May 11 **Larry Treleven** - Gig Harbor

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PRESIDENT PETE'S PUKA

THE OLD ONE, TWO, THREE... You missed some excitement if you weren't at lunch last week so let me bring you up to date. *FIRST AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR IN FIVE YEARS:* Past President **Jim Henderson** has been working on this diligently so hats off to him. We submitted the name of Peter Crow of UPS; he was interviewed by the district team two weeks ago and selected. *AUCTION NETS \$180,000.* **Brien Elvins** and **Mike Stewart** and their team made it happen. This is \$40,000 more than last year! What a great way for President Elect **Steve Smith** to go in to his year. *TACOMA ROTARY FOUNDATION REACHES \$1 MILLION.* **Jennifer Durham** is the committee chair, and thanks to her, **Ottie Ladd, Steve Finnigan** and the membership, the corpus has now surpassed the magical \$1 million mark - amazing since (1) it was at \$839,476 last June 30 and (2) we originally anticipated reaching the \$1 million mark in 2010!

GSE UPDATE. My thanks to President Elect Nominee **Jeff Rounce, Arlene Schubert, Bill Kaufmann, Mike Dunbar** and **Cindy Niemi** for stepping up to the plate and agreeing to home-host our Brazilian GSE team members May 29-June 2. You will have an opportunity to meet them on May 31. In the meantime, if you have any Brazilian connection or affinity and would like to get together with one or more of them, please let me know. I will have their pictures, professions and proclivities posted on the bulletin board at lunch this Thursday. For our new members, these are young professional non-Rotarians who are touring the district for a month. They are here to learn about how things are done in the U.S. In this case, they all speak good English, most have already been to the U.S., and at least two are former Youth Exchange students.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE UPDATE. As of this writing, we have a grand total of 14 club members signed up for the District Conference. Folks, two of our own members are co-chairs - **Kathleen Olson** and **Jim Henderson** - and it is right here in Tacoma at the Sheraton June 1-3. **You** have made this a sensational year in the life of our club; join us in the celebration as you expand your horizons. There is no registration fee. You can buy the meal package for \$125 (dessert reception Friday night, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, full buffet breakfast Sunday) or just attend the Governor's Banquet Saturday night (\$50). Lead speakers are Penny LeGate and Tony Ventrella. Who knows when we will have one of these in Tacoma again; please support your club by signing up this Thursday.

President Pete



One more from the boat trip.
(Photo courtesy of **Jennifer Durham**)

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Club Anniversaries

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Steve Bader: 23 years on May 17

Edwin Hill: 11 years on May 16

Jeff Lyon: 24 years on May 19

Bob Mallon: 42 years on May 13

Herb Simon: 34 years on May 17

LaTasha Wortham: 1 year on May 18

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Next Three Meetings

THURSDAY, May 24 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Centennial Project Proposals

THURSDAY, May 31 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Study Exchange Team from Brazil

THURSDAY, June 7 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Our Exchange Student, Sebastian Paul from Germany

Committee and Other Meetings

THURSDAY, May 17 - Youth Exchange Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

THURSDAY, May 17 - Rotary International Foundation Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

FRIDAY, May 25 - Membership Development Committee Meeting, Tacoma Club, 7:30am.

TUESDAY, May 29 - Board Meeting, Rotary Office, 3:30pm.

THURSDAY, May 31 - Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

Cancelled Meetings in May:

The Wednesday, May 16 Relationship Building Sub-Committee Meeting has been cancelled - no meeting in May.

If you have a committee meeting that you would like listed in the GearShift please e-mail Lori Hansen at lhansen@rotary8.org.

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New Members This Week



Mary McNally

Mary was introduced to membership by her sponsor **Barbara Mead** on May 10, 2007. She is the owner of Johnsen, Stone & Pagano in Fircrest. Her classification is "ACCOUNTING: Tax Services." Welcome to the club, Mary!

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Special Announcements

Membership Proposals

Unless written objections are submitted to the Board by May 25, 2007, the following individuals will be considered for membership:

Robin Ann Echte

ArtsFund

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Sponsor: Amy Wigstrom

William Scot Ellis

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Pete Weikel

Stadium Bistro

Classification: FOOD & BEVERAGES: Restaurants

Sponsor: Don Lloyd



Rotarian of the Week

Please join us this Thursday as we honor Rotarian of the Week,

Dorothy Lewis. Dorothy is President of Financial Planning in Tacoma. She joined Tacoma 8 in August, 1987. Her classification is "Financial Planning," and her sponsor is Al Ratcliffe.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING OUR CENTENNIAL PROJECT

On May 14, the Board of Directors held a special meeting to review the project proposals which were submitted for consideration as our Centennial signature project. We allotted each presenter five minutes and then allowed five minutes for questions and answers. Following each presentation, board members scored each presentation in accordance with the criteria which were previously provided to proposing parties in conformance with results of our club member survey. The scoring was tabulated following the final presentation and the three highest-scoring proposals were selected as finalists.

At our luncheon meeting on May 24, you will hear five minute presentations on behalf of each of the three finalist proposals. This will be followed by five minutes of questions and answers. You will be asked to fill out a feedback sheet summarizing your feelings as to which of the projects represents the best fit for the club as it approaches its Centennial. Your feedback sheets may be turned in on May 24; if you need more time, please note that they must be turned in to the Rotary office by 4:00pm Friday, May 25. At its meeting the afternoon of May 29, the Board of Directors will review all feedback information, and from that, determine which is the most appropriate project.

I urge you to attend and participate in this process. If you would like to read up in advance, all the proposals are in Word and will be sent to you upon request to the office. This is our one and only Centennial and here is a way for you to be involved. Please take advantage of this opportunity by helping to select a memorable project which will reflect the spirit of our club and our *Service Above Self* principle in the years to come. Thank you.

President Pete

Exciting News! - Online Payments Now Available on the Tacoma 8 Rotary Web Site!

After being tested and re-tested, the Tacoma 8 online payment system is up and running! Secure and user-friendly, this system can be used to pay all your Tacoma 8 Rotary invoices as well as make donations to the Tacoma Rotary (Art Wickens) and Rotary International (Paul Harris) Foundations.

To access the system, go to www.rotary8.org, find and click on "Make An Online Payment" under the Member Services heading, located on the left hand column. Enter your Username and Password (the same you use for accessing the Membership Roster), and then enter the amount of each item you are paying for under the appropriate account. Whenever possible, include an invoice number and/or description in the appropriate spaces.

If you're not sure where to enter your payment or have questions, please call the Rotary office (253 473 7723), and we'll be happy to guide you through the process.

Special for the month of May only - Any member using the online payment system during the month of May will receive one attendance credit!

100% Attendance Certificates on Back Table!

If you haven't yet picked up your 100% attendance certificate, please do so this Thursday at the Landmark. They're available on the foyer table outside our meeting room at the Landmark.

Circle Your Calendar for The Naval Undersea Museum

The Rotary program this week features Admiral Bruce Harlow discussing the wonders of the Naval Undersea Museum which is located at Keyport near Silverdale. The goal of the museum is to preserve, collect and interpret Naval undersea history, science and operations for the benefit of the US Navy and the people of the United States.

Actually, The Naval Undersea Museum is a two-parter. In an effort to show our kids and grandkids some of the educational opportunities involved with oceanic studies, the Program

Committee is recommending a special trip to Keyport on **May 19**. We are trying to arrange a special boating demonstration for kids of all ages where the participants have a chance to explore the bottom of Puget Sound and retrieve wildlife from our local depths.

The Naval Undersea Museum offers educational programs throughout the year for people of all ages ranging from grade school students to adults.

The Education Department serves students in public and private schools as well as those in home school programs. Student programs include focus tours, art and construction projects, films and gallery tours. The museum also participates in special area-wide programs such as Washington Water Weeks and Kids Adventures.

The Rotary Museum trip should be loads of fun. The ocean environment lets visitors experience the remarkable and limitless diversity of the world that lies beneath the sea. Using hands-on activities, visitors learn about the physical properties of the ocean such as buoyancy, pressure, density, heat transfer, light, sound, salinity, and oxygen. A microscope with slides of sea creatures such as starfish and diatoms lets children and adults see some of the fascinating creatures which make up the web of life in the ocean. The exhibit includes a video of the mysterious black smokers and tube worms from the Juan de Fuca Ridge, 300 miles from the coast of Washington State.

Currently complete, and open to the public, is a simulation of the control room of the nuclear fast attack submarine, Greenling (SSN 614), which was decommissioned in 1994. The museum has installed major equipment such as periscopes, ship control panel, and ballast control panel from the Greenling in a simulation of Greenling's control room.

Outside Exhibits include:

Deep Quest, the Navy's research submersible which explored the ocean to a depth of 8,000 feet. This submersible was used to retrieve an atomic warhead off the coast of Spain.

Trieste II (DSV-I), the deep submergence vehicle which descended to 20,000 feet and was used to explore the Marianna Trench.

Please, circle both dates and invite friends and family to both parts of our Undersea Rotary program. Contact **Don Doman** for details at 253-759-6639.

Mark Your Calendars

5/24: Centennial Project Presentations

6/01-03 District Conference here in Tacoma (Only fee is the \$125 meal package - no additional registration fee!)

6/02 Oak Tree Park Clean Up, 1-3 pm

6/15-20 Rotary International Convention, Salt Lake City

6/28 Turnover Day

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Upcoming Culture Vulture Activities for 2007:

June 1, 2007 - District 5020 Golf Tournament. This is going to be a fun event much like our Great Indoor Golf Tournament of the 90's. Lunch will be at Roundtable Pizza for all-you-can-eat pizza,

salad, and soda. There will be tons of fun, lots of prizes AND each participant gets a free golf club from Upswing Golf valued up to \$119.95. The cost for the tournament? Only \$40.00 per person. For more information call Culture Vulture Don Doman at 253-759-6639.

Upcoming Relationship Building Socials

The Relationship Building Committee invites all members of Tacoma 8 to join them on Thursday evenings at 5 pm in Tacoma unless otherwise noted. These socials are a great way to meet some new Rotarians or catch up with old friends. Pandakas, these meetings will fulfill your "social" requirement prior to graduation and, for all members, it's a fun way to earn attendance credits.

May 17: Let's Bowl and be Merry!!! Chalet Bowl 3806 North 26th, Tacoma 98407 (253.752.520) Reggie, the owner, has reserved 4 lanes for Tacoma 8!! Get on down here!!

May 24: Katie Down's - 3211 Ruston Way, Tacoma 98402 (253.756.0771)

May 31: Masa - 2811 6th Avenue, Tacoma 98406 (253.272.7770). If it's nice we can sit outside on the roof garden!!

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Rotary Happenings - May 10, 2007

By: Kara Duffy



Today's meeting started with **President Pete Taylor** introducing **Past President Jim Whitacre** to give a eulogy for member and dear friend **Rene LaVitre** who recently passed away. Jim remembers Rene with such a fondness that I truly wished I had met the man behind the fond and funny stories. Everyone paused for a moment of silence in memory of Rene.

After a moment of silence, President Pete rang the bell to put the meeting in motion. A thoughtful and insightful invocation was given by **Jack Peterson**, President, Bellarmine Preparatory School. The National Anthem was led by none other than the lovely and vivacious **Past President Nita Sell**, Certified Financial Planner, Montauk, whom by the way exercised for 7 consecutive days after hearing last week's program on fitness and health. Kudos to you! Nita was accompanied by the equally as lovely and talented **Barbara Mead**, Partner, Moss Adams.

President Pete announced the following anniversaries: **Lloyd Silver** - 47 years, **Peter Norman** - 28 years, **Scott Sutherland** - 18 years, **Loree Lord** - 16 years, **Stan Kanarowski** - 6 years and **Rusty George** - 5 years. Happy Anniversary to you all!

After recognizing all the Rotarians who have been around awhile, President Pete re-introduced a newer crew which consisted of new members **Rita Morkid-Bowman**, **Marilyn Strickland**, **Brynn Blanchard**, **Andy Wood** and **Bryan Flint**. Welcome to Tacoma 8 Rotary!

Pandaka **Zach Hill**, President, Papa Eddie's Catering, checked one more thing off his Pandaka *to-do* list since he fulfilled the task of Greeter and Visiting-Rotarian-Introducer. Well done, Zach - only 78 more tasks and 5 more Committees to go!

2007 has been an absolutely great year for new members and this meeting kept the theme alive by introducing another one.

Barbara Mead introduced **Mary McNally**, Owner, Johnsen Stone & Pagano P.S. with a little background information for us. Mary was born in Superior, Wisconsin but moved to Seattle to, as she puts it, "ruthlessly chase" her future hubby who worked at Boeing. During the down-time of chasing her future man, she attended PLU to receive her Bachelor's Degree and went on to receive her Master's Degree at the U of W. She enjoys reading, cooking, gardening, fishing and accounting work. Yes, really...she loves numbers and accounting. Thank goodness for you and others like you! Mary has a daughter, a son, and a great son-in-law. Her mentor is **Rose Johnson**, Real Estate Professional, Keller Williams Realty. Thanks for joining, Mary, and thanks for sponsoring her, Barbara!

More positive happenings continued as President Pete introduced **Past President Jim Henderson**, Newspapers in Education Coordinator, The News Tribune, who announced the Ambassadorial Scholarship to our Rotaract student Peter Crow, a graduating senior at UPS. He will be studying abroad in South America. Congratulations and enjoy your journey! Peter is our club's fifth Ambassadorial Scholarship Award recipient since 1990.

WOW! LUAU! WOW! LUAU! WOW! LUAU! WOW! LUAU!

Michael Austin Stewart and **Brien Elvins** took over Roving Mics today to announce the awesome Auction news! Wait for it.....It's over!!! Just kidding, kind of. All kidding aside, the hard work paid off, literally. This year's auction was a huge success with proceeds reaching \$180,000!! CONGRATS! Michael Stewart took this mic opportunity to remind our club that tickets are still available for the Luau Party at the Treleven's on July 14th, 2007.

And the great news kept on coming. President Pete called upon **Jennifer Durham**, Owner, HOST, and Chair of Tacoma Rotary Foundation to announce the news that we have reached the one-million dollar mark! That was the goal and we made it, plus some. Jennifer gave special thanks to **Ottie Ladd**, President, LADD Family, LLC and his generosity, especially for matching the "raise the paddle" amount raised at the Auction. Ottie, a generous and humble man, took this opportunity to thank every one of us for making a difference.

Ahhhh, it's the time that all red-badgers look forward to. It's Pandaka Graduation time! Pandaka Committee Co-Chairs **Emily Reiter**, Associate Publisher & Director of Sales & Marketing, Business Examiner, and **Ray Velkers**, Sales Associate, Colliers International, called our graduates to the front of the class to hand them their diploma, a new blue badge, and to ask each "senior" what their favorite Pandaka moment was. Please join me in congratulating the following graduates:

GRADUATES AND THEIR FAVORITE PANDAKA MEMORY

*Gina Breukelman - Galley-side on Chico's Boat, 2006.

*Tom Brown - Initial introductory meeting, 2006.

*Kelley Gregory - Salvation Army bell-ringing, 2006, and handing over the red-badge.

*Lauren Walker - Last Tuesday's Fireside Meeting.

*Josh Waltier - The Auction PR sub-Committee meetings that were held at Pour at Four an hour prior to the Auction meetings that were held at Co-Chair Brien Elvin's house.

*Victoria Woodards - (not in attendance).

ANNOUNCEMENTS! ANNOUNCEMENTS! READ ALL ABOUT 'EM!

***Past President Kathleen Olson**, Executive Director, The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County, reminded us of the upcoming District Conference. Let's get together in Tacoma! Please look at the Gear Shift, our newsletter, or the District website www.rotary5020.org to get more information.

***Past President Don Doman**, Co-Owner, PNW Video Productions, discussed our next program, May 17, and subsequent trip to the undersea museum which will be on Saturday, May 19. More information to follow in the Gear Shift. Look for sign-up sheets at this Thursday's meeting.

Following the announcements, President Pete took time to remember long-time member **Emerson Wonders** who passed away Sunday, May 6th at the age of 95. Em joined Tacoma 8 in 1945. A card was signed and will be sent to his daughter.

It was time to remember our birthday celebrants and **Tish Andresen**, Vice President of Marketing, Hamilton Global Management LTD, hopped to it. She asked each birthday celebrant, "What have they done to welcome Spring?"

CELEBRANTS AND THEIR RESPONSES

***Chuck Matthaei** - He joined a group of "Old Salts" which are Naval Officers who served in WWII.

***Kathy Willis** - Spring cleaning at her office.

***Rob Erb** - Smoking cigars in Tuscany with buddies **Donn Irwin** and **Don Doman**.

***Kathryn Nelson** - She painted her toenails.

***Dick Moe** - Vacation.

After birthday celebrations, it was time for True Confessions. This round was full of vacations in Tuscany along with trips at sea, congrats, healthy living, bad days gone good with great news, money raised for worthy causes, and late birthday fines. Just the usual happenings in the Rotary World!

Now on with the program - President Pete turned it over to **President Elect Steve Smith**, Director of Community Relations, University of Washington Tacoma. Steve announced the Community Service Award winners: Jean Louis Gazabat and Bart Dalton. Jean was nominated by the Gig Harbor Mid-day Club. He is a volunteer extraordinaire and has spearheaded "Holiday Magic" for 18 years. "Holiday Magic" is a program which makes Christmas a magical time for foster children. Jean is also on several committee boards and involved in many community services.

Even though Bart Dalton was unable to attend the meeting, we learned that he deserved this award for his countless hours of volunteer work and heading up a program that raises money to create Christmas packages for students who can't afford it.

President Pete wound the program down by congratulating the Community Service Award winners, reminding us of the District Conference, and reminding us to Share Rotary and Have Fun While We Get Things Done! He then rang the bell for adjournment.

So much giving, so much love - life in Rotary is grand! Peace!

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



5/13 Barbara Mead

"ACCOUNTING -
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Elected: 8/10/1995
Sponsor: Harry Pritchard
Birthplace: Aberdeen, WA



5/17 George Howe

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Elected: 1/23/1986
Sponsor: Linn Larsen
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA

Spouse/Partner: Kim



5/13 Gary Mustain

"FOOD & BEVERAGES:
Distributing-Beer"
Elected: 9/3/1998
Sponsor: Bob Cammarano
Birthplace: Morton, WA
Spouse/Partner: Jan Mustain



5/17 Mark Meier

"ACCOUNTING - Tax
Services"
Senior Manager - Tax
Moss Adams LLP
Elected: 3/8/2007
Sponsor: Barbara Mead
Birthplace: Tacoma
Spouse/Partner: Julie Meier



5/17 Jake Fey

"GOVERNMENT SVS -
Municipal Utilities-
Conservation"
Director
Washington State Energy
Extension Service
Elected: 2/1/1996
Sponsor: Leslie Rowen
Birthplace: Port Angeles, WA

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